

My concerns about the Privatization of Lakefront Airport are personal and business related. I have been associated with the Lakefront Airport since I was small child. My father was out there since its inception as a Flight Instructor. He was a major inspiration of many new students in obtaining their private pilots Licence. During the following years, the airport was a "Home away from Home". Businesses on the field were very busy. People were flying in on a regular basis. Upon his death in 1978, the airport was filled with so much respect and appreciation for all he did for Aviation, that they named a street after him. Located on both sides of the main terminal, known as "BUSTER ABADIE COURT". I feel that if the Privatization Program is successful in obtaining the Lakefront Airport, that they will be in control of too many things that would destroy what the Airport has been to so many people. This is his legacy that has been given to me and my children and grandchildren.

It seems that there is so much we can learn from the information that was discovered about the other airports this company manages. I would not want to see this airport turn into a "GHOST TOWN". But with the AAC's track record in the past, this looks very possible.

One of my concerns is why their financial structure is such a secret. How are they able to keep so much important information from all concerned?

It's also known that the Levee Board owes \$20-30 million in improvements. Will this debt be paid?

Also I don't feel that AAC's affiliates should have 49% control of the present businesses and future business that would come out to the airport. They just don't have the experience that is needed.

Lakefront Airport is crucial to New Orleans, with all the air traffic that comes in for "Major Events" such as NBAA, and all world wide conventions. If it is not handled properly, we could possibly lose a very important airport.

As for the safety issues, if we don't have a permanent Fire & Rescue Dept. based at Lakefront why would anyone in their right mind take their life and property in jeopardy, wanting to even come to do business with the airport?

These issues need to be addressed to the fullest. It will make a huge impact on the future of Lakefront Airport.

As a concerned taxpayer and employee of the Lakefront Airport, and a proud recipient of a street named after my father, I would hope for a Management that has integrity, sincerity and the consideration of how to utilize and promote Lakefront Airport to it's ultimate best.

Sincerely,
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